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LIQUID FILM ON A SUBSTRATE)
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Appendices A, B, and C follow page 14 of this paper. Appendix A includes a substitute Abstract. Appendix B includes replacement sheets of Figures 1-18, 19A-19B, 20A-20B, 21A-21B, 22-24, and 25A-25B, with proposed changes to Figures 2-10, 13-18, 19A-19B, 20B, 21B, 22-24, and 25A-25B incorporated. Appendix C includes annotated sheets of Figures 1-18, 19A-19B, 20A-20B, 21A-21B, 22-24, and 25A-25B, with the proposed changes to Figures 2-10, 13-18, 19A-19B, 20B, 21B, 22-24, and 25A-25B.

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with the following:

METHOD FOR FORMING A LIQUID FILM ON A SUBSTRATE.